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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **SD Soldier receives Danish Home Guard medal**

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RAPID CITY, S.D. – Colonel Tim Moran, of Rapid City, commander of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 196th Regiment, Regional Training Institute, was awarded the Danish Home Guard Meritorious Service Medal at Camp Rapid, June 11.

Danish Home Guard Col. Mogens Bech awarded Moran the medal for his efforts in developing a partnership between the SDNG and the DHG.

"I have worked with the Danish leadership for several years now, helping to coordinate the participation of Danish service members in the Golden Coyote exercise," said Moran, who also serves as the deputy chief of staff for operations for the SDNG. "I also coordinated the participation of the RTI in the instructor exchange program."

As a part of the program, 14 DHG instructors completed U.S. Army Basic Instructor Course training last summer in Denmark through a DoD Officers Foreign Exchange Program, in cooperation with the SDNG.

Following the training, the DHG instructors were invited to come to the RTI to serve as Officer Candidate School instructors.

In appreciation for the partnership between the two countries, the DHG presented Moran with the Meritorious Service Medal, awarded annually by royal decree following recommendations from the Danish Ministry of Defense.

The medal is given to a person who has contributed a particularly meritorious and selfless effort that benefits DHG activities and who has privately conducted him or herself in an irreproachable manner.

"I wish the award could have been given to about 10 other South Dakota Guardsmen as well, because it's been a great team effort," said Moran. "I'm very humbled and honored to receive it."

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**150611-Z-ZZ999-017:** U.S. Army Col. Tim Moran, commander of the 196th Regiment, Regional Training Institute, left, stands with Danish Home Guard Col. Mogens Bech and U.S. Army Col. Bill Freidel, right, after receiving the Danish Home Guard Meritorious Service Medal at Camp Rapid in Rapid City, S.D., June 11, 2015. Moran received the award for his efforts in developing a partnership between the South Dakota National Guard and the Danish Home Guard. (Danish Home Guard photo by Sgt. Lis Kristensen/Released)



**150611-Z-ZZ999-012:** U.S. Army Col. Tim Moran, commander of the 196th Regiment, Regional Training Institute, receives the Danish Home Guard Meritorious Service Medal at Camp Rapid in Rapid City, S.D., June 11, 2015. Moran received the award for his efforts in developing a partnership between the South Dakota National Guard and the Danish Home Guard. (Danish Home Guard photo by Sgt. Lis Kristensen/Released)



**150611-Z-ZZ999-007:** Danish Home Guard Col. Mogens Bech awards U.S. Army Col. Tim Moran, commander of the 196th Regiment, Regional Training Institute, the Danish Home Guard Meritorious Service Medal at Camp Rapid in Rapid City, S.D., June 11, 2015. Moran received the award for his efforts in developing a partnership between the South Dakota National Guard and the Danish Home Guard. (Danish Home Guard photo by Sgt. Lis Kristensen/Released)

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